

Women in the U.S. Congress and State Legislatures

2002 U.S. Congress¹:

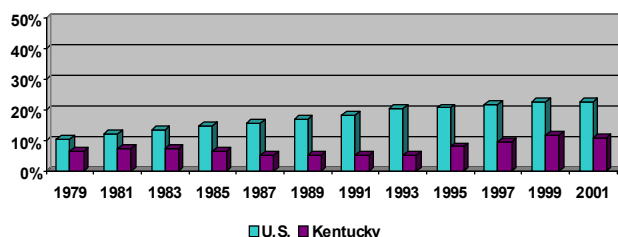
Total Women/ Total Senate:	Total Women/ Total House:	% Women Overall:
13/100 (13%)	60/435 (13.8%)	73/535 (13.6%)

2002 State Legislatures:

- In the U.S., 22.6% of state legislators in 2002 were women. Since 1969, the percentage of women in state legislatures has increased more than five-fold.¹
- In Kentucky, however, women represent only 10.9% of the 2002 General Assembly:

Total Women/ Total Senate:	Total Women/ Total House:	% Women Overall:
4/38 (10.5%)	11/100 (11%)	15/138 (10.9%)

Women in State Legislatures¹



- Kentucky has the fourth lowest percentage of women in the state legislature¹, and ranks 49th in the U.S. for the number of women in elected office.²
- No African-American, Asian-American, or Hispanic women currently serve in the Kentucky General Assembly.¹

Kentucky Appointed and Elected Offices

- 42% of individuals currently serving on state boards and commissions are women.⁴

Other Elected Offices 2002:

Office	Women/Total	% of Total
County Judge Exec. ⁶	6/120	5%
City Mayors ⁷	59/428	13.8%
Alderman/Council Member/Commissioner ⁷	520/2700	19.3%
City Clerks/Treasurers ⁷	321/423	75.9%

Kentucky Women and the Judiciary⁸

Court	Women Judges/Total Judges	% of Total
Supreme Court	1/7	14.3%
Court of Appeals	2/14	14.3%
Circuit Court	22/113	19.5%
District Court	39/126	31%
Total	64/260	24.6%

- There are only four African-American female judges in these courts.

Did You Know?

- In the first term of the Patton administration, more women were appointed to the judiciary than all the previous administrations combined.⁴
- The proportion of women appointed to state boards and commissions has risen from 36% in 1996 to 42% in 2002.⁴

Women and Voting

In the U.S.:

- The proportion of female voters has outnumbered the proportion of male voters in every presidential election since 1980. In the 2000 presidential election, 56.2% of eligible women voted, compared to only 53.1% of eligible men.¹

In Kentucky:

- As of 2002, Kentucky women represented 52.8% of the state's total registered voters.³
- 67.8% of Kentucky women were registered to vote in 1998 and 2000. Kentucky ranks in the top half of the U.S. for women's voter registration.²
- In the 2000 and 1998 presidential and congressional elections, 49.6% of registered Kentucky women voted. Kentucky ranks in the bottom half of the U.S. for women's voter turnout.²

Sources: ¹Center for American Women and Politics - www.cawp.rutgers.edu, ²Institute for Women's Policy Research - www.iwpr.org, ³Kentucky State Board of Elections - www.kyelect.com, ⁴Kentucky State Office of Boards and Commissions - Governor's Office - <http://gov.state.ky.us>, ⁵Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts - http://www.kycourts.net/AOC/AOC_Intro.shtm, ⁶Kentucky County Judge/Executive Association, ⁷Kentucky League of Cities - www.klc.org
*As of 12/31/02